

RATCLIFFE'S VAIN DENIAL.

HIS OWN FATHER SAYS THE LONDON WOMAN IS HIS WIFE.

Other Evidence That the Actor Is the Husband
of Caroline Ravenhill—He Refused to Send
Money to Keep His Child in School—"Do
You Think That I Can Pick Up Money?"

London, 15.—The editor of the *Edwards* J. Ratcliffe, the actor now under contract in New York for winter boating, has visited the editor of the *Daily Mail* and corroborated that paper's story of his son's marriage in London to Caroline Ravenhill, the daughter of a fishmonger of Marylebone. Mr. Ratcliffe corroborated the account of the marriage, which was told by the *Daily Mail*, but declared it was beyond doubt that Alice DeLacy, the young woman his son had married in America, was not his real wife. Mr. Ratcliffe said that his son had written to him in 1891, asking him to send him boys' clothes.

"My position is now such that I can very readily afford to pay what it would cost, and the sins of the parent should not make the child suffer."

Nevertheless, when the elder Mr. Ratcliffe, after the discovery, the boy's whereabouts, was written to his son asking him to send a draft for £50. The latter replied:

"Do you think I can pick up money in the

The *Daily Mail* says there might have been a doubt as to whether the prisoner in New York was identical with the Ratcliffe who married Miss Ravenhill, but any shadow of doubt has been dissipated by several New Yorkers who are acquainted with Ratcliffe, the actor, having identified photographs of him that are in possession of his London wife.

Messrs. Howe & Hummel, the New York lawyers who have charge of the interests of the

lady who married Ratcliffe in America, are making inquiries here into the *Daily Mail* story.

CAPT. TRASK RESIGNS.

He Surrenders His Post as Governor of Sallore Sing Harbor.

Capt. G. P. S. Trask, governor of Sallore Sing Harbor, on Staten Island, handed in his resignation to Alexander E. Orr, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the asylum, yesterday morning. The resignation was not unexpected in fact, it is pretty well understood that Cap-

The complaints against Trask came principally from the old sailors in Snug Harbor, and many of them appeared as witnesses against the governor at the investigation. They alleged cruelties and injustice. The resignation of Trask

Mr. Orr told a SUN reporter that Capt. Trank's resignation could not be accepted until tomorrow, when the Board of Trustees will hold meeting.

"It will undoubtedly be accepted then," he said. "It is too early to talk of his successor yet, but one will be appointed as soon as the right man can be found."

The six-story brick building at 63 and 65 Beekman street, which is occupied by the type foundry of A. D. Farmer & Son, was almost wholly destroyed by fire last night. The fire started in some waste in the sub-basement, and the flames went up through an automatic alarm. When they reached the scene the fire had already run up to the third and fourth floors through the elevator shaft, and was caught in the oil used in the foundry. A second alarm was rung, but the fire gained rapid headway, and reached to the top floor before Chief Bonner and his men could get to the scene.

It took over two hours to put the fire out.

The firm was established in 1904, and the building was built by the late Mr. W. M. Williams W. Farmer, the head of the firm, placed the loss at \$50,000, and said that the building and stock were fully covered by insurance.

F. J. BISCHOFF INANE.

The Lawyer's Mental Condition So Defined by the Verdict of a Sheriff's Jury.

The Sheriff's jury which has been considering the mental condition of Franklin J. Bischoff the lawyer, brought in a verdict late last night declaring that he is insane and has been insane for five years. It is found that he has no proper understanding of value.

The proceeding was by his brother, Justice Bischoff of the Supreme Court, and the law was made up by the jury. The jury was made up of twelve men, and the verdict was that Bischoff was arrested at the instance of the sheriff.

Marcus Day Buys a Gold Mine.
NOGALÉS, ARIZ., Jan. 5.—It is said here that Marcus Day of Montana, by his representative, J. R. Toole, has just purchased from E. C. Aguilar & Co. for \$100,000, gold, the notes of the Sultana mine in the Cerro Del Oro, twenty miles from Nogalés, and immediately adjacent to the gold and copper mines of C. S. Mills & Co., which have been steady producers for more than a decade in the Cerro del Oro district, extending from Rayon to Horrocañal on the San Miguel River, is one of the most promising gold mines in the district.

Found the Wreck of the German.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 5.—The Government steamer Newfield returned from the wrecked German ship this morning. Capt. Campbell reports that the ship lies in twenty fathoms of water, Bon Portage Light being five and a half miles from the wreck. The ship lies on the side of small streamers and vessels of color coming from St. John or Yarmouth. The larger steamers generally keep well outside of the harbor. From the wreck, the captain thought that the steamer might have struck or either elbow of Zealand Shoal, and not on Blondie Rock, as at first reported.

Some Streets Will Be Renamed.

The appointment of a commission to rename the streets duplicated in the enlarged city of

So much confusion has been caused by the fact that two or three streets in different parts of the city bear the same names that the administration feels that some action is necessary, and al-

Central Trust Company Stock Reaches 1,500.
Six shares of the stock of the Central Trust

Company, of a par value of \$100 each, were sold at public auction at the Real Estate Exchange yesterday at prices ranging from \$1,352 to \$1,367 per share. The last is the highest price the stock has ever reached. The company is said to have made 110 per cent. last year on a capital of \$1,000,000.

Major Butterworth Slightly Improved.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Jan. 5.—Major Benjamin Butterworth's physicians now believe he has a fighting chance for his life. He was seized with convulsions on Monday, and for the first time to-day regained consciousness and has been able to recognize his wife and two sons.

Mary Deegan has obtained a verdict of \$506 against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company for injuries received while getting off a car. Her husband, Felix Deegan, also got a verdict of \$500 for the loss of his wife's services.